

"Where Policy Meets Practice, Each Informing and Improving The Other"

Special Meeting

Join us for a special interactive Zoom meeting on how COVID, the calls for police reform, and racial justice demands have affected our prevention work. Hear from our partners in San Diego, Oakland, and Salinas about how these issues have impacted their work.

Then, join your violence prevention partners from across the State in breakout rooms to share your experiences and how we can support each other as we work toward sustainable solutions.

Lending Your Voice

Our goal is to engage you—the ones in the trenches struggling to provide violence prevention services in these uncertain times. You are experiencing firsthand the challenges brought by these three issues, and your voice can help identify best practices and training needs.

Meeting Date

Thursday, October 29, 2020 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sustaining Our Work in a Time of Crisis

We have a critical statewide meeting coming up on Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss three issues that have had and continue to have a profound impact on our crime prevention and community-building efforts. Never has the work been more difficult and more challenging. Never have we needed to learn so much from each other, never before have we needed to support each other, keep each other inspired, strengthened to do this hard, critically important work.

You are the rare ones—you have been in it a long time. You have experienced and learned a great deal, you have shared much, and you are anchored in your knowledge about the contours of the work and by your abiding moral commitment to better the lives of your community's most vulnerable citizens.

And you continue to do this work under adverse conditions: during a crippling pandemic where you cannot meet and help sustain partners and clients.

Yet you persist—you go on. We have the opportunity through the webinar to:

- Explore how communities are confronting the triple challenges of COVID, the calls for police reform, and racial injustice
- Explore how our Network cities are sustaining vital partnerships and funding
- Identify training and technical assistance needs for community violence prevention efforts
- Highlight how we can sustain ourselves

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The format: three panelists will reflect on how COVID, the calls for police reform, and the demands for racial justice have affected their prevention work. They will set the stage for several small breakout sessions where conference attendees will have the opportunity to share how these three issues have influenced their work.

The event will conclude with group reflections on what sustains us, what gives us the strength to continue the struggle.

You are all so desperately needed during these trying times. We eagerly look forward to sharing thoughts with you, sharing strengths and learnings, sharing hope.

Jack Calhoun, Board President
California Violence Prevention Network

Special Meeting Schedule June 29, 2020 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

11:00 a.m. Welcome: Ernesto Olivares, Director

11:05 a.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator: Jack Calhoun

Panelist:

Peter Kim, Manager, Oakland Department of

Violence Prevention

Pastor Jesus Sandoval, Executive Director, San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention

and Intervention

Jose Areola, Administrator, Salinas Community Safety Division

11:30 a.m. Facilitated Breakout Sessions

12:10 p.m. Report-Outs: Breakout Room Host

12:25 p.m. Next Steps: Jack Calhoun

Breakout Sessions: See the Meeting Tips on page 3 to learn how you can get the most out of the breakout sessions.

Meeting Goals

- To discover how communities are confronting the triple challenges of COVID, the calls for police reform and racial injustice.
- To explore how communities are sustaining vital partnerships and funding.
- To highlight ways in which we can help sustain ourselves for this increasingly challenging but critically important work.
- To identify training and technical assistance needs for community violence prevention efforts.

Meeting Format

- Your active participation in this interactive event will contribute to meeting our goals.
- As you register, we will randomly assign you to one of several rooms for the 11:30 a.m. breakout discussions.
- The event host will provide instructions on joining your room during the meeting and will direct you back to the larger group for the report-out session.
- Report-outs will be fast-paced with a detailed summary following at a later date.
- Use the "Chat" feature at the bottom of your screen. Here you can make general comments or post links to information about efforts in your community.

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Meeting Tips

- **Join on time:** We arranged this to be a Zoom meeting instead of a Webinar to allow for more flexibility in attendee participation. Because we are limited to 90 minutes, this will be a fast-paced event, so we encourage you to plan ahead.
- Panel Discussion: During the 11:05 a.m. panel discussion, participants will share how COVID, the calls for police reform, and the demands for racial justice have affected their community's violence prevention work. Our hope their input will help generate ideas and help in your facilitated group discussions. Our moderator and panelists will join other CalVPN members in leading the breakout sessions capturing key issues and ideas for the report-out session.
- Breakout sessions: Attendees will be preassigned to breakout rooms. We will ensure the rooms have a balanced number of participants, and we will try to separate attendees from the same organizations to enhance sharing and learning opportunities. The event Host will assist you in joining your breakout room and will serve as your timekeeper. At the end of your session, the Host will help direct you back to the main room.
- Your Participation: To help you prepare for the breakout sessions, be prepared to share the following:
 - 1. How has the COVID pandemic impacted your ability to provide violence prevention services?
 - 2. How have the calls for police reform affected your prevention work?
 - 3. How have the demands for racial justice changed your approach to prevention?
 - 4. You will conclude your session by discussing strategies for sustaining ourselves and staying inspired to do this work.
- Report-Outs: When we reconvene, we will have a lightning round of report-outs from our room facilitators about critical issues impacting your work and your greatest needs to sustain or implement your violence prevention work.

From the Executive Director

I look forward to your participation in this very timely and important event. You will notice that we are not coming to you with many answers or solutions to the issues we will discuss, unlike past conferences and webinars. We are all struggling as we work to meet many challenges impacting our ability to help those we serve while trying to stay inspired and sustain ourselves. We are in this together, and we hope to begin to identify viable solutions and best practices from each other.

From our findings on October 29th, we identify topical areas to focus on at future webinars and, hopefully, during a live conference in the year to come. If you have questions about this event or the registration process, please contact me at eoccope@icloud.com, and I will assist you!

Ernesto Olivares, Executive Director

Registration

Advance Registration Required

REGISTER HERE

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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